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SUBJECT: Visit of Senator Bourke B. Hickenlooper to Taiwan

Senator Bourke B. Hickenlooper (Republican, Iowa), accompanied by Mr. Francis R. Valeo, staff member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, arrived at Taipei at 4:45 p.m. on Sunday, August 5th, 1956 and were met at the airport by the Ambassador, Mr. Joseph Brent, ICA Mission Chief, Mr. Harold G. McConeghey, Acting Director of USIS and the Press Attache (Reporting Officer). The visit was part of a study tour to determine the status of US relations with Far Eastern countries, Chinese Communist relations in Asia and allegiance of overseas Chinese.

Commensurate with instructions received prior to his arrival (Taipei 81 dated July 27th) the Senator's schedule (Enclosure 1) was kept purposely light. On Sunday evening, Senator Hickenlooper and Mr. Valeo were entertained at an informal dinner given by Mr. McConeghey at the Grand Hotel, where the visitors were staying. On Monday morning, they were taken to the Ambassador's office where they were provided with a briefing by chiefs and representatives of principal US missions in Taiwan on the military and economic aid programs. Immediately following the briefing, Senator Hickenlooper and Mr. Valeo, accompanied by the Ambassador and the RO, called on Foreign Minister George K. C. Yeh at the Foreign Ministry. The group then called on Mr. Cheng Yin-fun, Chairman of the Overseas Affairs Commission for a brief discussion in which Dr. Sampson Shen, Director of the Government Information Office acted as interpreter.

At a luncheon given in the Senator's honor by the Ambassador at the Grand Hotel (see attached guest list) an opportunity was provided for further discussion on overseas Chinese problems between the Senator, Mr. Valeo and Dr. Sampson Shen in the light of a recent survey visit made by Dr. Shen through Southeast Asia.

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On Monday evening, the visitors were entertained at an informal cocktail party at the home of Mr. Brent, ICA Director, where the Senator met and engaged in informal discussions with several Chinese and American officials, including the Governor of Taiwan.

On Tuesday, August 7th, Senator Hickenlooper and Mr. Valeo were guests of the Ambassador at a reception following which they were entertained at dinner by President and Madame Chiang Kai-shek at the latter's summer home on Tsaoshan. (See attached guest list).

No formal press conference had been arranged in deference to the Senator wishes, but he was interviewed by several reporters at the airport immediately prior to his departure. During the interview he expressed admiration for the development and progress shown in Taiwan since his last visit. The Senator and Mr. Valeo departed for Tokyo via Northwest Airlines at 11:05 a.m. Wednesday, August 8th.

For the Ambassador:

Paul W. Meyer  
First Secretary

Enclosures: (1) Program schedule  
(2) Guest List

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VISIT OF U.S. SENATOR BOURKE B. HICKENLOOPER (R., Iowa)  
August 5-8, 1956

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, August 5

4:25 p.m.

Arrive Taipei airport via CAT flight 202 from Hong Kong (Senator is accompanied by Mr. Francis J. Valeo.) They will be met by the Ambassador.

Proceed to Grand Hotel - Suite "C"

7:30 p.m.

Dinner - Mr. Harold G. McConeghey, Acting Director, USIS Taipei - Grand Hotel

MONDAY, August 6

9:30 a.m.

Informal meeting in Ambassador's Office

RADM. F. T. Fenno, TDC  
Brig. Gen. Benjamin O. Davis, 13ATF  
Brig. Gen. D. P. Schorr, MAAG  
Mr. James B. Pilcher, Counselor of Embassy  
Mr. Harold G. McConeghey, USIS  
Mr. Joseph Brent, ICA

10:30 a.m.

Call on Foreign Minister, Dr. George K. C. Yeh

11:00 a.m.

Call on Dr. Sampson Shen, Director, GIO, and Mr. Cheng Yen Feng, Chairman, Overseas Affairs Commission, at the Overseas Commission Offices

1:00 p.m.

Ambassador's Luncheon for Senator Hickenlooper (Golden Dragon Room, Grand Hotel)

Foreign Minister George K. C. Yeh  
GIO Director, Dr. Sampson Shen  
Mr. James B. Pilcher  
Mr. Francis J. Valeo

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Afternoon

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TUESDAY, August 7

Morning

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Afternoon

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Evening

6 - 7:30 p.m.

Reception by Ambassador Rankin at  
Embassy Town House

8 p.m.

Dinner by President Chiang Kai-shek

WEDNESDAY, August 8

Morning

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10:15 a.m.

Depart Grand Hotel for airport.

11:30 a.m.

Depart for Tokyo by NWA Flight 862

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Ambassador's Luncheon Grand Hotel Taipei August 6, 1956**Ambassador Rankin****Foreign Minister George K.C. Yeh****Senator Bourke B. Hickenlooper****Dr. Sampson Shen, Director, Government Information Office****Mr. James B. Pilcher, Counselor of Embassy****Mr. Joseph Brent, Director, ICA****Mr. Francis R. Valeo****Mr. Alexander C. Boese, Press Attache**Guest List - President's Dinner Tuesday August 7, 1956**President & Madame Chiang Kai-shek****Senator Bourke B. Hickenlooper****Ambassador Karl. L. Rankin****Premier O. K. Yui****Vice-Premier Huang Shao-ku****General Chang Chun, Sec'y-General, President's Office****Dr. George K. C. Yeh, Foreign Minister****Governor C. K. Yen****Defense Minister Yu Ta-wei****Dr. Samson Shen, Director, Government Information Office****Mr. Francis R. Valeo.**

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